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09/220,724	12/24/1998	AARON ABBOTT	P-5351	3040

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HIERARCHICAL SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION PACKAGES INCLUDING COMPOSITE PACKAGES

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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Extension is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/220,724	AARON ABBOTT, ET. AL.	
	Examiner Prieto Beatriz	Art Unit 2142	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 2/17/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. The drawings filed on 27 January 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/05
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Beatriz Prieto
BEATRIZ PRIETO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Supplemental Notice of Allowance

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.
2. Applicant's submission filed on 02/17/05 has been entered. As set forth in 37 CFR 1.114, the submission included an information disclosure statement.
3. When an RCE (with the fee and a submission) is filed in an allowed application prior to payment of the issue fee, a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw the application from issue is not required (see MPEP 701).
4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 02/17/05 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance mailed on 2/01/05. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement was considered by the examiner.
5. Examiner's Reason for Allowance mailed on 02/01/05 is hereby reinstated.
6. Double patent analysis has been performed with respect to *issued patents* having common relationship of inventorship and/or ownership with respect to the above-allowed claims, *none* are found to warrant a double patenting rejection.
7. Any comments Applicants considers necessary must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferable accompany the Issue Fees. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance". In event of any post-allowance papers (e.g. IDS, 312 amendment, petition, etc.), Applicant is exhorted to mail papers to the Production Control branch in Publications or faxed to post-allowance papers correspondence branch at (703) 308-5864 to expedite issuing process or call PUB's Customer Service if any questions at (703) 305-8497.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. Prieto whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 4:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Jack B. Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-3896. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800/4700.

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B. Prieto
Patent Examiner
May 7, 2005

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Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 17646-185001	Application No. 09/220,724
Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant <small>(Use several sheets if necessary)</small>		Applicant Aaron Abbott, et al		
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U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
(b1)	AA	5,602,993	02/11/1997	Strömberg			
	AB	5,706,431	01/06/1998	Otto			
	AC	5,937,407	08/10/1999	Sakata			
	AD	5,953,724	09/14/1999	Lowry			
	AE	6,029,004	02/22/2000	Bortnikov et al.			
	AF	6,108,698	08/22/2000	Tenev et al.			
	AG	6,185,734	02/06/2001	Saboff et al.			
↓	AH	6,279,005	08/21/2001	Zellweger			
(b1)	AI	6,381,743	04/30/2002	Mutschler, III			
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Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications							
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Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)		
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(b1)	AQ	European Search Report, Application No. EP 99 31 0254, 03/27/2002, 3 pages
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Examiner Signature <i>Sebastien Lueb</i>	Date Considered 5/01/05
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